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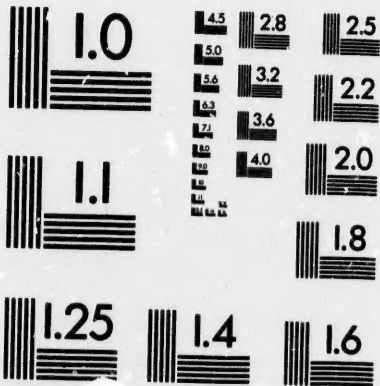
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OF THE

ST GEORGE'S SOCIETY

OF

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1857.

MEMORANDUM.

In the autumn of the year 1855, the formation of a Society, under the above title, to be open to all persons of English birth, residing in Quebec and its neighbourhood, suggested itself to several Englishmen, in this City, and

CHAIRMAN'S COMMITTEE.

THE REVD. R. E. BURRAGE,

Messrs. TRINDER,

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H. B. SEWELL.

Persons of English birth, desirous of promoting the object of St. George's Society, are requested to meet at the Albion Hotel, Friday next, the 15th instant, at three o'clock, p.m. Quebec, 15th October, 1855.

C. F. Aylwin,	Ed. Davidson,	Wm. B. Martin
A. Ashmun,	John Dyer,	Wm. Price,
Anty. Anderson,	Mark Faver,	Wm. Fether,
J. R. Ardoyn,	Thos. Fether,	Thos. Fether,
John Bonner,	W. G. Faulkner,	John Banger,
Wm. Coates,	Jas. Hunt,	J. J. Sims,
F. F. Coffin,	H. Jacopp,	H. Trinder,
Thos. Cary,	Wm. Kemble,	G. Tarnmouth,
B. Cole,	Henry LeMaurier,	

OFFICERS
OF
ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY, ST.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 5th JANUARY, 1837.

PRESIDENT,
WILLIAM PRICE, Esquire.

VICE-PRESIDENTS,

TREASURER,
ROBERT SYMES, Esquire.

STANDING COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT,

HENRY TRINDER,
JAMES HUNT,
JOHN DYDE,
WILLIAM NEWTON,
THOMAS FROSTE,
ALFRED HAWKINS,
W. F. COFFIN, Esquires.

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JOHN GRAINGER,
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PRELIMINARY STEPS.

Origin. In the autumn of the year 1835, the formation of a Society, under the above title, to be open to all persons of English origin, residing in Quebec and its neighbourhood, suggested itself to several Englishmen, in this City, and it was proposed, by them, to call a Meeting of their Countrymen, and persons of English descent, to devise means for carrying the plan into operation. The gentlemen, whose names appear below, were applied to, who immediately gave their signatures to the requisition (but the number might have been greatly increased had it been deemed necessary for the furtherance of the cause) and sanctioned the following advertisement, which appeared on the 13th and 14th October, in the, Old Quebec Gazette and in the Quebec Mercury, Newspapers:—

" ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY.

"Persons of *English origin*, desirous of promoting the formation of a ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY, for benevolent purposes, are requested to meet at the Albion Hotel, Friday next, the 16th instant, at three o'clock, P. M.

"Quebec, 12th October, 1835.

C. F. Aylwin,	Ed. Davidson,	Wm. B. Meyer,
H. Atkinson,	John Dyde,	Wm. Price,
Anty. Anderson,	Noah Freer,	Wm. Patton,
C. J. R. Ardouin,	Thos. Froste,	Thos. Payne,
John Bonner,	W. C. Faulkner,	John Racey,
Wm. Coates,	Jas. Hunt,	J. J. Sims,
W. F. Coffin,	H. Jessopp,	H. Trinder,
Thos. Cary,	Wm. Kemble,	S. Yarwood."
B. Cole,	Henry LeMesurier,	

ESQUIRES.

Meeting
of the 16th
October,
1835.

The Meeting so called, was accordingly held, and was numerously attended.— C. F. AYLWIN, Esquire, was unanimously called to the chair; and J. C. FISHER Esquire, LL. D., was requested to act as Secretary. Meeting of the 19th Novr 1835.

The Chairman having stated the object for which the Meeting had been convened, the following Resolutions were passed, *nem. con.*

Moved by Mr. Kemble, seconded by Mr. LeMesurier—Resolved—That in the opinion of this Meeting it is expedient to form a St. George's Society in this City for the purpose of affording relief to our distressed fellow-countrymen.

Moved by Mr. J. H. Kerr, seconded by Mr. E. Davidson—Resolved—That a Committee of seven be appointed to draw up Rules and Regulations for the government of the Society.

Moved by Mr. Bonner, seconded by Mr. Goldsworthy—That the Committee be now chosen by ballot.

The ballot then took place, and the following gentlemen were chosen of the Committee:—

Messrs. C. F. Aylwin, LeMesurier, J. H. Kerr, Wm. Kemble, John Bonner, J. C. Fisher and Dyde.

It was then moved by Mr. Froste, seconded by Mr. Dyde,

That this Meeting do adjourn till Friday, 13th November, to receive the Report of the Committee and to open a Book for the names of persons wishing to become Members; and that a notice be given of the adjourned Meeting by public advertisement.

The Chairman then left the Chair, and Mr. Froste, being called thereto,

Mr. LeMesurier moved, seconded by Mr. Symes,

That the thanks of the Meeting be given to the Chairman for his conduct in the Chair. The Meeting then adjourned.

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Meeting.
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requested to adjourn the Meeting was further adjourned to Friday, the 20th November, when it took place at the Albion Hotel; William Price, Esquire, was called to the Chair, and Wm. Kemble, Esquire, was requested to act as Secretary. The Chairman, after stating that the Committee which had at the previous Meeting been appointed to draw up Rules and Regulations for the government of the Society, had now completed that task, proposed "That the Chairman of the Committee now read the Report."

Mr. E. Davidson, which being unanimously assented to, C. F. Aylwin, Esquire, Chairman of the Committee, read the Preamble which follows, and which was, with one voice, agreed to.

by ballot. The Chairman then proposed the Articles which had been drawn up by the Committee, as the Standing Rules of the Society, by reading each Article and asking the sense of the Meeting thereon. Some amendments were made and the sixteen, first, articles, as they stand copied in this book, were agreed to by the Meeting.

The seventeenth and eighteenth Articles were added at the suggestion of Messrs. J. H. Kerr and Robert Symes, and adopted by the general voice of the Meeting.

The Secretary was desired to have the Preamble and the Articles which had that day been agreed to, as the Constitution of the St. GEORGE'S SOCIETY of Quebec, copied into a book, and to deposit the same with Mr. Thomas Payne, of the Albion Hotel, for the reception of the signatures of those desiring, under the Rules of the Society, to become Members.

W. KEMBLE, Secretary

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

SAINT GEORGE'S SOCIETY

OF

QUEBEC.

Preamble.

No sooner have natives of Great Britain and Ireland established themselves in the distant Colonies of the Empire, than they have found it imperative to unite in Friendly Societies, for the purpose of affording relief and advice to their less fortunate countrymen, whom circumstances have led to the same destination, but who, from misfortune and sickness, require the aid of the benevolent.

Societies of this description have been long established in various parts of Europe—in our Indian Territories—in the North American Colonies, and in all the principal Cities of the United States. In New York, a St. Andrew's Society was formed as early as 1756, and a St. George's Society in 1786, the former of which now possesses a very considerable capital.

The peculiar circumstances of the Colony in which we live, and the number of Emigrants who annually arrive, alike ignorant of the language of the mass of the inhabitants, and unaccustomed to the climate, render it extremely desirable to institute in this City a Society on a permanent basis, and for beneficent purposes—without political objects, but of which loyalty and good feeling to all classes shall be the prevailing features.

It is, therefore, proposed to form a Society to be called "The St. George's Society of Quebec," the general objects of which shall be as follows, viz:—

1. To afford pecuniary aid to such English and Welsh Emigrants, and their descendants, as shall be in imminent need and found deserving, and as shall appear on examination not to be fairly entitled to assistance from the Quebec Emigrant Society, Church Funds, or other charitable source.

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2. To comfort and relieve the sick, aged, and infirm of that descent.
 3. To assist orphans and other destitute children, and to place them out as servants or apprentices when practicable.
 4. To procure passages home, or to their friends in these Provinces, for widows and children in certain cases.
 5. To procure work for able bodied persons with families.
 6. To assist individuals in discovering their relations and connections on this continent.
 7. To afford assistance toward the decent burial of destitute persons of English and Welsh descent.
 8. To give advice to Emigrants, to prevent their being imposed on, and generally to forward their views.
 9. To keep a registration of families in Quebec and the vicinity, of English and Welsh descent occupying houses and farms.
 10. To reward good and deserving servants.
 11. Generally to do all that a Benevolent Society ought of right to do.
- Such being the local and benevolent objects of the George's Society of Quebec, it will equally be the duty of the Members to preserve and hand down to the climate satisfying recollections of their native country. While in this City they promote and cherish social and friendly intercourse with their fellow-subjects of every origin, they will but of what cease to venerate the land of their forefathers; and shall be held up at their periodical meeting the illustrious characters to whom it has given birth, as subjects of national pride and emulation. They will cherish as in the country, among their descendants, veneration and attachment towards the Institutions of the Mother Country, and with such principles, and founded as this institution will be, on the basis of benevolence and of country—charity and good will to all—they confidently rely that its course will be beneficial, and its prosperity permanent and increasing.

ARTICLES
OF THE
CONSTITUTION.

Article 1.—The title of this Society shall be,
"THE ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY OF QUEBEC,"
Founded : A. D. 1835.

Article 2.—The St. George's Society shall be composed of natives of England and Wales, of the descendants, and generally of those of English and Welsh extraction.

Article 3.—A book shall be opened in which persons desirous of becoming members shall be enrolled. Persons who shall enrol their names previously to the 1st January, 1836, shall be considered the Original Members of the St. George's Society; and no person shall after this date be admitted as a Member unless chosen by ballot. The person so balloted for must be nominated at a previous meeting. No election to be made by less than fifteen members, and three ballots shall disqualify the candidate.

Article 4.—Honorary Members may be admitted, but no person who is a native of England and Wales or of English or Welsh extraction, and resident in Quebec, (except officers of the navy and army) can be an Honorary Member. They shall be nominated and elected at the same Meeting.

Article 5.—The Society shall meet four times every year; namely, on the

- 25th March, or Lady Day;
- 24th June, or Midsummer Day;
- 29th September, or Michaelmas Day;
- 24th December, or Christmas Eve.

The Society shall dine together on St. George's Day. Should either of the days appointed above fall on Sunday, the Meeting shall be held the day after or the day before, at the option of the President.

Article 6.—The Officers of the Society shall be,
A President,
Two Vice Presidents,

A Secretary,
Treasurer,
Two Chaplains,
Two Physicians,

With a Standing Committee of Management, consisting of seven Members and the Officers, all to be chosen by ballot (except the Treasurer, who shall be named by the Board of Management) on the 5th day of January every year, and to enter upon office immediately.

Article 7.—The President shall be first chosen, after which the other Officers may be balloted for together. After the Officers are chosen, the Standing Committee shall be balloted for together. There shall be a Charitable Committee, and a Committee of Accounts, appointed likewise on the 5th January in every year; they shall not be balloted for, but nominated on motion and seconded.

Article 8.—Every Member shall pay to the Treasurer an admission fee of twenty-five shillings, as well as an annual subscription of ten shillings. Every Honorary Member shall pay an annual subscription of ten shillings.

Article 9.—The payment of £12 10s., in addition to the admission fee, shall constitute a Member for life, without further subscription. The admission fees and payments made by Life Members, all donations, together with one third of the annual subscription, shall be invested in a permanent and accumulating fund until it amounts to £300, when the interest shall be applied, together with the remaining two thirds of the annual subscriptions, to the expences and benevolent objects of the Society.

Article 10.—The expences of Rooms for the use of the Society, of Printing and Stationery, and of collecting subscriptions, will form the ordinary disbursements of the Society. Pecuniary and other relief will be distributed, under the management of the Charitable Committee, and under such regulations as they may adopt, subject to the approval of the Committee of Management.

Article 11.—The Board of Management will be vested with full power to act upon all business

relating to the Society—to receive and answer before the communications—to form Sub-Committees—to hear and determine all petitions and applications, and to subscribe generally to superintend the operations, and provide for the good government and welfare of the Society. Articles n

Article 12.—The President or, in his absence the Society's senior Vice President, shall have the power to call those Special Meetings of the Society, on giving three days' notice to the Resident Members, naming the object of the Meeting, the time and place. The Officers and Board shall meet once a month, and may be summoned at any time by the President, or, in his absence by the Vice President.

Article 13.—A majority of votes shall decide every question, except in balloting for the admission of Members, or on any motion to annul or alter any of the fundamental rules of the Society, in which latter case the consent of three-fourths of the Members present shall be requisite. No number of Members under twenty-five shall have power to alter or annul any fundamental rule; but for all other business fifteen shall be a quorum. The President, or presiding Officer, shall vote as a Member, and if the votes are equal he shall have a casting vote.

Article 14.—Reports shall be made in writing at each of the Quarterly Meetings from the Board to the Society, and an Annual Report, with a List of Members and the state of the Funds, shall be made on the 5th January in every year.

Article 15.—No alteration shall be made in the Constitution when finally adopted, unless each alteration shall have been proposed at the previous Quarterly Meeting, duly seconded.

Article 16.—The Officers and Board shall make By-Laws for the management of the business of the Society, not repugnant to the fundamental rules: and the By-Laws so made shall be submitted for approval to a General Meeting of the Society.

Article 17.—That the Entrance Fee, and the Annual Subscription, for the year ending 31st December, 1881, be paid in by the Subscribers to the Society on or before

and answer before the 1st March, 1836, and that such persons as
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WILLIAM PRICE, Chairman.
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